



State of Arizona  
Department of Education

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**MEMORANDUM**

To: NCLB Coordinators

From: Kathryn Stevens, Director of Programs  
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Date: Friday, October 04, 2002

Subject: 2003 Distinguished Title I Graduate Nomination Information

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The Title I Distinguished Graduate Awards program is now in its seventh year. We in Arizona have the opportunity to select up to two individuals who best exemplify the success of Title I in our state and send them to the National Title I Conference in Anaheim, California from February 1st to 4th, 2003.

The Arizona Department of Education (ADE) is now accepting nominations. Successful nominees are former Title I students who have gone on from a Title I program (including Migrant Education or Neglected/Delinquent Program) to enjoy higher education experiences, professional careers, or have contributed positively to their communities in other ways. Nominees must be high school graduates and have participated in the Title I program in elementary, middle or high school in the nominating state.

**Nomination Instructions**

District Administrator/Community Member:

1. Submit a type-written letter of recommendation of the distinguished graduate you are nominating. Include *your* name, position, phone number and local educational agency (LEA). Indicate from your perspective how the Title I program has made an impact on the nominee.

**Nominee Responsibilities**

2. Submit a type-written, one page profile completed by each nominee addressing the following issues:
  - ◆ Your name as a nominated Distinguished Graduate.

- ◆ Where and when did you graduate from high school (name of school, school district, city, state, and year of graduation)?
  - ◆ Describe the one or two accomplishments of which you are most proud.
  - ◆ How did the Title I Program, including Migrant Education or Neglected & Delinquent Program, help you?
  - ◆ If you could send a message to today's children who are in Title I, what would you say?
3. If selected, you must provide a black and white photograph with your name and nominating state clearly printed on the reverse side of the photograph. This will be included in the 2003 Distinguished Graduate Yearbook.
4. Submit requested information electronically or via mail (Items 1 and 2) by the close of business (5:00 pm) **October 25, 2002** to:

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Please take time to think about former Title I students who have graduated and deserve to be recognized for their successes. This is an excellent opportunity to highlight the success of the Title I program in a way that honors student achievement.